

Granville Spaulding House  
Chester Depot (third house East from  
Universalist Church on North Side  
of North Street)  
Windsor County  
Vermont

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

## GRANVILLE SPAULDING HOUSE

Location: Chester Depot (third house East from Universalist Church on North Side of North Street), Windsor County, Vermont.

Present Owner: Dorothy and Capt. Edwin K. McPeck.

Present Occupant: The owners.

Present Use: Domestic and antique shop.

Brief Statement of Significance: Different type from the rest of the unusual stone houses in Chester Depot. Built as a mocassin shop with tannery behind.

### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Granville Spaulding was the original owner. Reginald Illingworth was the owner, c. 1940-48.
2. Date of Erection: 1838.
3. Builder: Probably Clark brothers who built most of the stone houses in Chester.
4. Notes on alterations and additions: Kitchen in wood addition altered. Partition between two front rooms, second floor, removed.

#### B. References:

1. Bellows Falls Times October 12, 1950, has article on all stone houses in Chester Depot.
2. Vermont Life, Autumn, 1950.
3. Interview with the owner.

#### C. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Town Library files and mimeo script of history of stone houses in Chester in hands of owner.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: Different type from the rest of the unusual stone houses in Chester Depot. Built as a mocassin shop with tannery behind. First floor front room width of house.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: c. 36' wide - 2-1/2 stories.
2. Foundations: Stone.
3. Wall construction: Stone walls, Mica-schist, two feet thick.
4. Openings
  - a. Doorways and doors: 6 panel main entrance door with sidelights. Ovoid stone arch over main door.
  - b. Windows and shutters: 6/6 light double hung windows. Adjustable louvred shutters.
5. Roof
  - a. Shape - covering: Asbestos shingle. Gable roof, gable faces street.
  - b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed eaves with cyma recta-fillet - bed mold.
  - c. Dormers: One large dormer on west side; frame with clapboards.
6. Porches: Side porch later.
7. Chimneys: Brick chimneys.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plan: First floor front was shop. Four bedrooms.
2. Stairways: Not now in original location.

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3. Floor: Pine, random width.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: original plaster on split lath.
5. Doorways and doors: Some original. Stone sills extend inside house.
6. Trim: Various types, some original.
7. Hardware: Possibly some original.
8. Lighting: Electric.
9. Heating: Central. Fireplaces with Classic Revival mantels with bed mold, corner blocks and shelf.

D. Site

1. General Setting: Open. The house faces south.
2. Outbuildings: Carriage shed attached. Barn. All probably later.
3. Landscaping: Shade trees, shrubs. Flower borders.

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